

SENATOR KAHLE: One minute.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: ...thank you, businesses but also will help bring business in from out of state, the example that I have just given you on the Avis Telemarketing promotion. Now, who benefits? Everyone is going to benefit. All the people in the State of Nebraska are going to benefit. I think that the display in the rotunda has been an eye opener for you and I suggest that this particular piece of legislation will be a door opener for all of the State of Nebraska. It will help broaden our tax base as is and this is something that we need to be doing. I urge your support of Senator Labedz. Thank you.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I rise in support of LB 1125 for two reasons. You may be surprised to learn that there is a lot of interest in this bill in western Nebraska and you have just had circulated before you a notice that was passed on to me before the bill was heard on behalf of the Western Nebraska United Chambers of Commerce which represents the towns of Scottsbluff, Gering, Alliance, Chadron, Crawford, Kimball, Sidney, Bayard, Oshkosh, North Platte, Hemingford, Hyannis and Ogallala who asked me at that time to speak on behalf of the bill and they see a lot of opportunities with this bill for western Nebraska. As you know, we are close to Colorado. We are interested in attracting telecommunications industries from the eastern slope of Colorado and we believe that the center provides some services and technical assistance that the Chambers have gone as far as they can at this point and now they see a need for additional help in order to accomplish their goals and so they have been excited about the bill and I am excited about the bill because I see the opportunities for the entire state and so often on a project of this kind western Nebraska may not necessarily have much to gain from it and this is one where I think benefits the entire state. A second area that you all know that I am particularly interested in is higher education and I have passed out to